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THURSDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 10, 1885.

The British liberals are not in a minority of two against the field.

The stock markets were a little shaky over the sudden decease of \$200,000,000.

Does not the Cleveland Leader offer itself with some vigorous vigor when it speaks of "moral demoralization"?

The argument on the Cincinnati Thing in the supreme court was concluded yesterday, and the court is expected to be in a dubious condition.

The senate occupied the day in debating in bills on various unimportant matters. The house grappled over the proposition for the revision of the rules, and did nothing else.

The European war-cloud again menace storm. Turkey has threatened annexation under an invasion of Roumania. Bulgaria is getting ready on the frontier to pounce on Turkey the moment she begins to execute this threat. Bulgaria and Servia are summing up all their powers for a bloody decisive battle before Nisich on the expiration of the armistice.

It is noticeable that Gibson Atchison asks questions from the bench of the supreme court as if he were sitting there by virtue of the vote of the people of Ohio, and not by grace of the Cincinnati conspiracy of sedition which is trying to sustain itself before the very tribunal upon which he is perched. If he had any sense of decency, he would have resigned when he found that Dalton was withholding election returns expressly for the purpose of keeping him in a seat to which another man is elected. He advertises himself as continuing to sit where he has no moral right to sit. We call upon Gibson to be ashamed of his position.

The President's Message.

Looking at the immense spread of the message, covering nine and a half columns of solid small print in a large newspaper like the Enquirer, one can not resist the impression that the president would be more than willing to sacrifice his dignity and that his desk is too big. There seems to have been in the writing of it too expansive an inspiration to live up to its ponderousness. A good journalist would have compressed this vast inflation into about three columns, and then told the country two columns more than it would have ever paid any attention to. When will presidents learn that they can not water the public sense to any appreciable extent by exerting a continental republic with however stuporous a wash of words?

The message opens with an ordinary enunciation of the deceased vice-president.

Follows a bulky paragraph about the dependencies and independencies of the executive department and the legislative which is so true as to be a platitude.

The gratifying announcement that our relations with foreign nations are friendly expands into a copious passage.

Krely, of the "bloody usurpation," is described as "an estimable citizen of unimpeachable probity and competence," and Austria-Hungary is descriptively spoken of as "the world's best friend." The president says that such a name "must be removed from the chance of dominating by any single power." This is what we have always contended.

The president is in favor of the laws for the restriction of Chinese immigration; but he denounces an unsparring language, the numerous mobbing of unwilling Chinese by alleged Americans, and declares that "all the power of this government should be exerted to maintain the amplest good faith toward China in the treatment of these men, and the indeleble sternness of the law in bringing the wrong-doers to justice should be insisted upon."

The American participation in the Berlin conference for organizing the new state of Congo is referred to as having been entirely deliberate and as not intended to bind this nation to any concert of action with other nations for guaranteeing the independence or territorial integrity of that state. The Washingtonians again against "annexing alliance" is here again rightly opposed in the president's mind.

The president deprecates the persecution of our park by European nations that are disposed with hegemony, but sees no remedy except in a hope-for-their understanding of the matter by those bodily tested foreigners who are missing a mighty sight of good American civic merit.

The commercial convention between the United States and Mexico, having been convened by the treaty-making branch of the government, is recommended for legislation to carry it into effect, with exception of the political and inter-tariffing features of the two republics.

International copyright is commented on and commended for legislature of treaty.

The laws for the naturalization of foreigners need, as the president argues, to be reformed so as to grant the rights of citizenship with more care and to make naturalized citizenship more a matter of national concern, with a view to maintaining its securities against the nations from which the American citizens have emigrated, and which are apt to claim their allegiance when they return to their native countries for business of pleasure.

The treaties with Spain and Santo Domingo, pending in the senate when Cleveland took office, he says he withdrew for examination, whenceupon he became convinced that "these treaties contemplated

the surrender by the United States of large revenues for inadequate considerations," and therefore he is unfriendly to the ratification of them and the like treaties, which, he argues, "diminish that independent control over its own revenues which is essential for the safety and welfare of any government."

An increase of salaries with a total abolition of fees and perquisites in the diplomatic and consular service is earnestly urged in the interest of economy and for the prevention of abuses.

The total ordinary receipts of revenue and all sources for the year ending June 30, 1885, were \$872,090,766.38, being \$24,599,164.34 less than the year before.

The total ordinary expenditures for the same time were \$850,226,355.50, leaving a surplus in the treasury of \$86,465,711.27.

The payments on the public debt during the year ending June 30, 1885, were \$84,992,215.30, which is well on to one million dollars, whereas between the said June 30, and January 1, 1885, \$368,528 were paid out, or about seven-and-a-half thousand dollars.

The national debt last November 1 was \$1,514,475,860.47. There was, however, on that date a fund of \$66,292,38 in the treasury, applicable to the general purposes of the government.

The ascertained and estimated receipts for the current year are \$815,000,000.

The ascertained and estimated expenditures for the same time are \$825,000,000.

The estimated surplus is therefore \$70,000.

The total value of the exports during the year was \$784,421,280.

The total value of the imports during the same time was \$822,823,376.80.

Then the president says: "The fact that our revenues are in excess of the actual needs of an economical administration of the government justifies a reduction in the amount exacted from the people for its support."

"We should deal with the subject in such a manner as to protect the interests of American labor, which is the capital of our workingmen." "I think the reduction should be made in the revenue derived from a tax upon the imported necessities of life." All of which is as good republican doctrine as ever was uttered.

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